

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

1. (Currently amended) A camera, comprising:
 - a memory for storing at least one camera setting that affects a mode of image capture of the camera in association with a particular user;
 - a physical attribute sensor for recognizing a unique physical attribute of the user to identify the user from the uniqueness of the physical attribute; and
 - a processor for controlling the camera according to said stored at least one camera setting ~~to automatically change the mode of image capture of the camera~~ in response to a signal from the sensor that indicates that the user has been identified.
- 2 (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously presented) The camera recited in claim 1 wherein said physical attribute sensor comprises at least one of a fingerprint sensor and a retinal scanner.
5. (Original) The camera recited in claim 1 wherein the setting is an exposure mode setting selected from the group consisting of aperture-preferred, shutter speed-preferred, and automatic exposure settings.

6. (Currently amended) A camera, comprising:

means for recognizing a unique physical attribute of a user of the camera to identify the user from the uniqueness of the physical attribute; and

means for automatically controlling the camera according to stored photographic control settings associated with an identified user, the photographic control settings relating to at least one of aperture-preferred exposure mode, shutter-speed preferred exposure mode, manual exposure mode, automatic exposure mode, flash control, shutter control, and date imprinting.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously presented) The camera recited in claim 6, wherein said means for identifying a physical attribute of a user comprises at least one of a fingerprint sensor and a retinal scanner.

9. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium for use with a camera, comprising:

logic for recognizing a unique physical attribute thumbprint of a user of the camera to identify the user from the uniqueness of the physical attribute thumbprint; and

logic for controlling the camera according to stored photographic control settings associated with an identified user, the control settings affecting a mode of image capture of the camera.

10. (Original) The computer readable medium recited in claim 10, wherein the logic for controlling the camera includes logic for setting a mode of operation selected from the group consisting of an exposure mode, a flash mode, and a shutter control mode of operation.

11. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium recited in claim 9, wherein the logic for identifying a physical attribute of a user of the camera includes logic for receiving input from at least one of a fingerprint sensor and a retinal scanner.

12. (Currently amended) A method of operation for a camera, comprising:
identifying a user from the uniqueness of a user physical attribute by recognizing a unique physical attribute of the user; and
controlling the camera according stored photographic control settings associated with that user, the settings affecting a mode of image capture including at least one of aperture-preferred exposure mode, shutter-speed preferred exposure mode, manual exposure mode, automatic exposure mode, flash control, and shutter control.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) The method recited in claim 14, wherein said receiving step includes receiving a signal from at least one of a fingerprint sensor and a retinal scanner.

15. (Currently amended) A camera, comprising:

a memory for storing at least one image data processing setting in association with a particular user;

a ~~user identification~~ thumbprint sensor for identifying the user; and

a processor for controlling the camera according to said at least one image data processing setting in response to a signal from the sensor that indicates that the user has been identified.

16-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously presented) The camera recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one data processing setting comprises at least one of a date imprinting setting and a compressed format setting.